

which a premium payment was received. Enrollees will be held liable for medical costs incurred after losing eligibility.

(r) *Transitional provisions.* (1) There will be a sixty-day period of enrollment for all eligible beneficiaries (outlined in paragraph (d)(1) of this section) whose entitlement to regular military health services system coverage ended on or after August 2, 1994, but prior to the CHCBP implementation on October 1, 1994.

(2) Enrollment in the U.S. VIP program may continue up to October 1, 1994. Policies written prior to October 1, 1994, will remain in effect until the end of the policy life.

(3) On or after the October 1, 1994, implementation of the Continued Health Care Benefit Program, beneficiaries who enrolled in the U.S. VIP program prior to October 1, 1994, may elect to cancel their U.S. VIP policy and enroll in the CHCBP.

(4) With the exception of persons enrolled in the U.S. VIP program who may convert to the CHCBP, individuals who lost their entitlement to regular military health services system coverage prior to August 2, 1994, are not eligible for the CHCBP.

(s) *Procedures.* The Director, OCHAMPUS, may establish other rules and procedures for the administration of the Continued Health Care Benefit Program.

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§ 199.21 [Reserved]

§ 199.22 TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP).

(a) *Purpose.* The TRDP is a premium based indemnity dental insurance coverage program that will be available to retired members of the Uniformed Services, their dependents, and certain other beneficiaries, as specified in paragraph (d) of this section. The TRDP is authorized by 10 U.S.C. 1076c.

(b) *General provisions.* (1) At a minimum, benefits are the diagnostic services, preventive services, basic restorative services (including endodontics), oral surgery services, and emergency services specified in paragraph (f)(1) of

this section. Additional services comparable to those contained in § 199.13(e)(2) of this part may be covered pursuant to benefit policy decisions made by the Director, OCHAMPUS, or designee.

(2) Premium costs for this coverage will be paid by the enrollee.

(3) The program is applicable to authorized providers in the 50 United States and the District of Columbia, Canada, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this section or by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Human Affairs) or designee, the TRDP is administered in a manner similar to the Active Duty Dependents Dental Plan under § 199.13 of this part.

(5) The TRDP shall be administered through a contract.

(c) *Definitions.* Except as may be specifically provided in this section, to the extent terms defined in §§ 199.2 and 199.13(b) of this part are relevant to the administration of the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program, the definitions contained in §§ 199.2 and 199.13(b) of this part shall apply to the TRDP as they do to CHAMPUS and the TRICARE Active Duty Dependents Dental Plan.

(d) *Eligibility and enrollment.*—(1) *Eligibility.* Enrollment in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is open to:

(i) Members of the Uniformed Services who are entitled to retired pay, or a former member of the armed forces who is a Medal of Honor recipient and who is not otherwise entitled to medical and dental benefits who has requested medical and dental care benefits in the manner described in § 199.3(j)(1) or their immediate dependents as defined by § 199.3(b)(ii);

(ii) Members of the Retired Reserve under the age of 60;

(iii) Eligible dependents of a member described in paragraph (d)(1)(i) or paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of this section who are covered by the enrollment of the member;

(iv) Eligible dependents of a member described in paragraph (d)(1)(i) or paragraph (d)(1)(ii) of this section when the member is not enrolled in the program and the member meets at least one of